



## Janina Z. Ruksc

October 14, 1928 - March 25, 2022

RUKSC – Janina Z. (nee Pozniak)

March 25, 2022, age 93, of Olean, NY. Beloved wife of the late Henry Ruksc. Loving mother of Mary (Stanislaw) Cygan and Mark (Michelle) Ruksc. Cherished grandmother of Rev. Paul Cygan, Michael Cygan, Joseph Cygan, John Paul Cygan, Henry Ruksc, Owen Ruksc and the late Margaret Mary. Devoted sister of three sisters and five brothers all pre-deceased in Poland. Janina emigrated from Poland to care for her father, Prof. Tadeusz Pozniak in 1960. Prior to that she was a kindergarten teacher. While in Buffalo, she promoted Polish culture by founding a Polish folk dance group, "Wisla." She worked as an inspector at McGard Wheel Locks and as a hairdresser. Janina spent the last 16 years with her daughter and family in Olean. The family will be present to receive relatives and friends on Wednesday morning from 9-10AM at the Daniel R. Smolarek Funeral Home, 2510 Union Road, Cheektowaga (2 blocks south of William St.) where a prayer service will be held at 10AM followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30AM in St. John Kanty R.C. Church, 101 Swinburne St, Buffalo, NY 14212, which will be celebrated by her grandson, Rev. Paul Cygan. Music will be provided by her grandson, Michael Cygan. Interment in St Stanislaus Cemetery. Leave condolences online at [www.SmolarekCares.com](http://www.SmolarekCares.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Stanislaus Cemetery

700 Pine Ridge Heritage Blvd.  
Cheektowaga, NY 14225

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 30. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Daniel R. Smolarek Funeral Home - Cheektowaga  
2510 Union Road  
Cheektowaga, NY 14227

## Prayer Service

MAR 30. 10:00 AM (ET)

Daniel R. Smolarek Funeral Home - Cheektowaga  
2510 Union Road  
Cheektowaga, NY 14227

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 30. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. John Kanty Church  
101 Swinburne Street  
Buffalo, NY 14212  
<https://stjohnkantychurchbuffalo.wordpress.com/>



# Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janina Z. Ruksc.*



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March 28, 2022 at 09:00 AM



“ *We will cherish the memory of Janina in her prime and beyond as long as we live. "Babcia (Grandma) Jasia," as we called her (not really being her kids or grandkids), always made us feel at home whenever we visited, and even being far off. Always greeting us with a big smile and when parting always inviting us for the next visit soon. We will never forget when she baked and shipped to us, at the time in New Jersey, a large box of "Polish Chrusciki" (Angel's Wings)... they were simply the best :) We pray for "Babcia Jasia" and also offer our prayers and deep sympathy to Mary, Mark, Stan and the whole Family. God Bless. Halina, Piotr, Jan and Piotrus Cygan*

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**Peter Cygan** - March 27, 2022 at 02:12 PM



“ *Barbara Ela Piotr Mariusz & Cygan Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Janina Z. Ruksc.*



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**Barbara Ela Piotr Mariusz & Cygan Family** - March 27, 2022 at 01:31 PM

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“ *With deepest and heartfelt sympathy. Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. I will always keep the wonderful memories I shared with her in my heart. Peace be with you and your family. God Bless, Jeanette & Jeff Preston*

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**Jeanette F Preston** - March 27, 2022 at 01:02 PM



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March 26, 2022 at 08:35 PM